



## **Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 17**

**Meeting Date:** January 10, 2014

**Meeting Location:** Memorial Hospital Southside Office

**Council Members Present:** Melinda Berry, David Galloway, Lisa Smith, Amy Tempel, Nancy Rennie, Darlene McBride, Kimberly Donnelly, and Melissa Lueken

**Council Members Absent:** RM Lesko, Cheryl Hillenburg, Melisa Tye, Judge Weikert, Judge Ellis, Judge Dartt, Sandra Bowman and Maureen Lambeck.

**Others In Attendance:** Jessica Richardson, John Schroder, Melissa Winkler, Kris Mann, Haley Droste, Barb Tilly, Micci Frye, and Leslie Rowland.

<b>Meeting Minutes</b>
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**Meeting Called to Order at:** 8:30 AM by Director Berry. Roll call was held.

Director Berry asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the previous meeting. Council member Lisa Smith made a motion to approve the meetings minutes and council member Amy Tempel seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

### **Programs/Committee Report**

**Community Partners:** Haley Droste with IHBS gave a summary of the referrals for the month of December 31, 2013. As of December 31, 2013, a total of 98 open cases are currently being serviced through Community Partners for Child Safety in Region 17.

In the month of December, a total of 31 new referrals were made for consideration and 28 were serviced.

Of the referrals, one came from Crawford County, five came from Daviess County, eight came from Dubois County, three came from Martin County, seven came from Orange County, five came from Perry County and two came from Spencer County.

Sources of the referrals (Partners) for this month included the Daviess County DCS, Dubois County DCS, Martin County DCS, Orange County DCS, Warrick County DCS, Jasper Elementary School, Spring Valley Elementary School, South Spencer High School and self-referrals.

Closing Report: October –December 2013

120 total referrals

78 closed service cases

78 closed successfully 100%

Average 70.13 days open

Average 17.99 hours work per case

Targeted budget 50%

Actual funds used 49.9% (without flex funds)

Haley informed council they continue to advertise and visit schools.

Due to the COLD weather referrals have been rolling in. Flex funds increased in November and December.

### **Regional Services Coordinator's Report:**

Micci Frye informed council she has nothing to report other than council will be voting today on the biennial plan.

### **Practice Model:**

Darlene McBride reported that the peer coaches will be receiving manuals to assist them with CFTMs.

### **Regional Finance Manager:**

Finance Manager John Schroder stated projections show Region 17 will be over r budget. Discussions were held on how to still provide needed services for families but still work within our given budget

### **Regional Foster Care Specialist:**

Melissa Lueken informed council they continue to recruit new foster homes.

**Fatherhood Initiative Program:**

Kris Mann with IHBS informed council currently there are 19 new cases. Dubois with 9 cases, Spencer 4 cases, Daviess 3 cases, Orange 2 cases and Martin 1 case.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** The RSC discussed the Biennial Plan and the Child Protection Plan for the region. After much discussion the plans were voted on and approved by the council.

**Public Testimony/Announcement:** None

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** The next meeting will be March 21, 2014. It will be held at the Memorial Hospital Southside Office located at 1100 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Jasper, IN. The meeting will start at 8:30 EST.

**Meeting adjourned at:** 9:00 A.M.